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The following Address was presented to His Majesty on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit, on the 22nd instant, to lay the Commemoration Stone of King Edward VII Hospital for Windsor, Eton and District:—

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the President, Governors, and Executive Committee of King Edward VII Hospital and Dispensary for Windsor, Eton and the neighbourhood desire most respectfully to welcome Your Majesties on this auspicious occasion.

For some years past the growing demands of modern science and the increased pressure of work in the old Infirmary compelled us to recognise that the Institution was totally inadequate to the needs of the District. The number of annual In-patients had increased in the last five years from 328 to 507, the operations performed from 167 to 369, and the Out-patients and casualty patients had increased in proportion.

Looking to all these facts the Governors decided after much earnest consideration to build a new Hospital, feeling it to be a duty they owed to the public. We have been most generously supported in our efforts—thanks to Your Majesties' most gracious example—and in asking You to place this Commemoration Stone we feel confident that those who live under the shadow of Windsor Castle, and in the surrounding district, will not allow the Hospital which bears Your name to suffer from want of funds. We can assure Your Majesties and the contributors to our funds that the representative character of the Committee, the skill and devotion of the medical and nursing staff, and the single-hearted desire on the part of all to do their best to relieve the sufferings of the poor, give us good grounds for hoping that for many a year to come King Edward VII's Hospital will win for itself the loving support of those who live in the district, and will prove itself a blessing to the poor people of Windsor, Eton and the neighbourhood.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

“In behalf of the Queen and Myself I thank you most sincerely for your loyal address of welcome.

“It is a special pleasure to Me to place this Commemoration Stone in the new hospital. I take deep interest in all hospitals, and in none more than the institution which serves the needs of the district lying at My own gates. I am not surprised to hear of the growth of its work. Hospitals are not less needed in many country districts than they are in great cities. The surroundings of the country may be more conducive to health, but disease is never absent, and in a wide and scattered district medical and surgical assistance is often harder to obtain than in a city. The increased accommodation provided by this new hospital will give greater scope than before to its beneficent work, and will afford, I doubt not, fresh proof of the unselfish devotion which has always been manifested by its staff.

“I pray that the blessing of God may attend your labours.”

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George.*

Downing Street, June 26, 1908.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be Ordinary Members of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Fairfax Leighton Cartwright, Esq., C.V.O., His Majesty's Minister Resident at the Courts of Munich and Stuttgart.